

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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1 TANYA COATS,

2 Plaintiff,

3 v.

4 LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC, a foreign
5 limited-liability company, d/b/a LOWE'S
6 STORE #0784, a domestic corporation; DOES
7 I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I
8 through X, inclusive,

9 Defendants.

10 Case No. 2:18-cv-01332-GMN-EJY

11 **ORDER**

12 The Court is in receipt of an informal email request seeking to excuse Lowe's representative
13 from attendance at the settlement conference set for October 7, 2020. The Order setting the
14 settlement conference was issued on September 21, 2020; ten days ago. Lowe's belated informal
15 notice is not favored by the Court. A timely motion or stipulation to excuse Lowe's in-person
16 attendance should have been filed.

17 The Court advises that personal attendance at settlement conferences are highly preferred as
18 parties are far more likely to engage meaningfully when they are present in the courthouse. Travel
19 cross country is not difficult in most cases as the airlines are fully operational and taking care to
20 ensure the health and safety of passengers. There is no quarantine in force in either Nevada or North
21 Carolina identified by Lowe's counsel. Lowe's has presented no special circumstance that would
22 suggest travel of its representative is ill-advised for any specific health reason.

23 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lowe's must arrange for a highly placed local
24 representative of the company to be present for settlement (for example, a district manager), and for
25 Ms. Spencer to appear by videoconference through a program available on a tablet or computer
provided by Lowe's counsel on the day of the settlement conference

26 Dated this 1st day of October, 2020

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ELAYNA J. YOUCHAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE